

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pay information providing service system charges each time the received information is decrypted, while maintaining high security, and enables temporary copying, thereby achieving a time shift function.

To realize a tuner section, a display output control section, and a time shift function of shifting the display timing of the received information, there is provided a received information temporary storage section for storing the received information temporarily. To assure the security in realizing the time shift function, making use of the delivery time information sent from the transmission side, there are provided an allowed display time difference setting section, a totalized time shift time computing section, and a decrypting section. Furthermore, to charge properly, there are provided a user authenticating section, a charging information extracting section, and a received information control and charging section.